

COUNTRY DATA: AUSTRIA: Information from the CIA World Factbook

INTRODUCTION


Once the center of power for the large Austro-Hungarian Empire, Austria was reduced to a small republic after its defeat in World War I. Following annexation by Nazi Germany in 1938 and subsequent occupation by the victorious Allies in 1945, Austria's status remained unclear for a decade. A State Treaty signed in 1955 ended the occupation, recognized Austria's independence, and forbade unification with Germany. A constitutional law that same year declared the country's "perpetual neutrality" as a condition for Soviet military withdrawal. The Soviet Union's collapse in 1991 and Austria's entry into the European Union in 1995 have altered the meaning of this neutrality. A prosperous, democratic country, Austria entered the EU Economic and Monetary Union in 1999.

GEOGRAPHY

Location	Central Europe, north of Italy and Slovenia
Area	total: 83,871 sq km
Climate	Temperate; continental, cloudy; cold winters with frequent rain and some snow in lowlands and snow in mountains; moderate summers with occasional showers.
Natural Resources	Oil, coal, lignite, timber, iron ore, copper, zinc, antimony, magnesite, tungsten, graphite, salt, hydropower.
Total Renewable Water Resources	84 cu km (2005)
Freshwater Withdrawal	Total: 3.67 cu km/yr (35%/64%/1%) Per capita: 448 cu m/yr (1999)
Natural Hazards	Landslides; avalanches; earthquakes.
Environmental Issues	Some forest degradation caused by air and soil pollution; soil pollution results from the use of agricultural chemicals; air pollution results from emissions by coal- and oil-fired power stations and industrial plants and from trucks transiting Austria between northern and southern Europe.

PEOPLE

Population	8,214,160 (July 2010 est.)
Ethnic Groups	Austrians 91.1%, former Yugoslavs 4% (includes Croatians, Slovenes, Serbs, and Bosniaks), Turks 1.6%, German 0.9%, other or unspecified 2.4% (2001 census)
Religions	Roman Catholic 73.6%, Protestant 4.7%, Muslim 4.2%, other 3.5%, unspecified 2%, none 12% (2001 census)
Languages	German (official nationwide) 88.6%, Turkish 2.3%, Serbian 2.2%, Croatian (official in Burgenland) 1.6%, other (includes Slovene, official in Carinthia, and Hungarian, official in Burgenland) 5.3% (2001 census)

Literacy Rate	98%
Major Infectious Diseases	HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS: 9,800 (2007 est.) 
GOVERNMENT	
Type	Federal Republic
Independence	12 November 1918 (republic proclaimed); notable earlier dates: 976 (Margravate of Austria established); 17 September 1156 (Duchy of Austria founded); 11 August 1804 (Austrian Empire proclaimed).
Constitution	1920; revised 1929; reinstated 1 May 1945; note - during the period 1 May 1934-1 May 1945 there was a fascist (corporative) constitution in place.
Legal System	Civil law system with Roman law origin.
ECONOMY	
Agricultural Products	Grains, potatoes, sugar beets, wine, fruit; dairy products, cattle, pigs, poultry; lumber.
Industries	Construction, machinery, vehicles and parts, food, metals, chemicals, lumber and wood processing, paper and paperboard, communications equipment, tourism.
Import commodities	Machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, chemicals, metal goods, oil and oil products; foodstuffs.
Import Partners	Germany 45.07%, Switzerland 6.76%, Italy 6.66%, Netherlands 4.03% (2009)
Export Commodities	Machinery and equipment, motor vehicles and parts, paper and paperboard, metal goods, chemicals, iron and steel, textiles, foodstuffs.
Export Partners	Germany 30.96%, Italy 8.17%, Switzerland 4.99%, US 3.99% (2009)
Per Capita GDP	\$39,200 (2009 est.)
Population below poverty line	6% (2008)

*CITATIONS: All information included above is extracted from the CIA World Factbook except where noted.

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General	
Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	80.4 years
Average number of years in School (in years)	9.8 years
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	\$37,056
Gender Inequality	
Female Seats in Parliament (%)	26.6%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	67.3%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	85.9%
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	68.3%
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	81%
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	NA
Poverty	
Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	NA
Empowerment	
Number of Journalists Imprisoned	0
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	5%
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	36%

Sustainability	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	73%
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	26%
Population without Access to Water (%)	0
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	0
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	.08%
Human Security	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	0
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	NA
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	<5%
Demographics	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	67.6%
Health	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	.1%
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	.2%
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	.2%
Other	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	NA
Population without Electricity (%)	NA

Austria's Public Expenditure

